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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: GIFTS

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1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ADVANCE TEAM, MISSION OFFERS FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE GIFTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TO SUHARTOS. THESE SUGGESTIONS, WHICH MADE WITH VIEW TO EASE OF PROCUREMENT IN SHORT TIME REMAINING PRIOR VISIT, INTENDED ONLY AS SUPPLEMENT TO IDEAS WHICH MAY ALREADY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. NUMBERS A THROUGH C ARE ALTERNATIVES; D AND E INTENDED AS POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTAL GIFTS:

A) FOR PRESIDENT SUHARTO - SMALL CASTING OF REMINGTON FIGURE SUCH AS COWBOY ON HORSE (WE BELIEVE THESE NOW AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY); MRS. SUHARTO - WILLIAMSBURG
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TYPE REPRODUCTION PIECE OF FURNITURE SUCH AS SMALL CHEST-

ON-FRAME COMBINATION.

B) PRESIDENT SUHARTO - STEUBEN GLASS ORNAMENTAL PIECE, PREFEREABLY FEATURING ETCHED AMERICAN SCENE (STEUBEN EAGLE PROBABLY NOT ADVISABLE UNLESS ONE IS AVAILABLE WITH FULLY SPREAD WINGS SOMEWHAT RESEMBLING INDONESIAN "GARUDA" EAGLE); MRS. SUHARTO - GOOD QUALITY AMERICAN PORCELAIN PIECES, SUCH AS PAIR OF DECORATED BOXES OR SET OF BIRD FIGURES.

C) PRESIDENT SUHARTO - PEWTER PLATE, PROBABLY AMERICAN COLONIAL STYLE, PERHAPS WITH BICENTENNIAL MOTIF OR SCENE; MRS. SUHARTO - SET OF STERLING REVERE BOWLS, E.G. FIVE, SEVEN AND NINE INCH.

D) AS "FAMILY-TO-FAMILY" GIFT (IN ANTICIPATION THAT MISS FORD MAY RECEIVE GIFT FROM SUHARTO); LATEST POLAROID COLOR CAMERA SET (SX 70 OR SUCCESSOR), WITH CARRYING CASE AND FILM.

E) IF LOCATABLE, GIFT OF FRAMED HISTORICAL DOCUMENT BEARING ON EARLY US-INDONESIAN RELATIONS (E.G. CORRESPONDENCE OR CERTIFICATE FROM YOGYAKARTA SULTAN TO EARLY AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL) WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE WELL RECEIVED BY SUHARTO AND GOI. (IF SUCH ITEM LOCATED, SUGGEST DESCRIPTION BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY FOR CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTABILITY TO CURRENT GOI).

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL A, ABOVE MENTIONED TYPES OF GIFTS NOT LIKELY TO BE EQUIVALENT IN SIZE OR COMMERCIAL VALUE TO GIFTS WHICH SUHARTO HAS IN PAST BESTOWED ON VISITING DIGNITARIES (E.G. SOLID SILVER FULL TEA SERVICE) HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THESE GIFTS FROM US SIDE WOULD BE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN CULTURE, CRAFTSMANSHIP, AND HISTORY, AND WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY SUHARTO AS TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND MEMENTO OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

3. WE PRESUME PARTY WILL HAVE AVAILABLE SMALL STOCK OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR USE WITH OTHER SENIOR INDONESIANS (E.G. VICE PRESIDENT, JAKARTA MAYOR, FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER MALIK) AS NECESSARY.

4. GIFT OF TREE AND ASSOCIATED PLANTING CEREMONY NOW CONSIDERED NOT FEASIBLE. PROPOSED PLANTING OF TREE AT MINI INDONESIA PARK BY MRS. FORD (WITH INDONESIANS PROVIDING TREE) MAKES SEPARATE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT PALACE INADVISABLE. VISIT SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED BY INDONESIANS TO PRE-ADVANCE PARTY DOES NOT APPEAR TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALTERNATIVE CEREMONIAL GIFT OR COLOR EVENT.
PRESUME PRE-ADVANCE PARTY AFTER RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND
CONSULTATION WITH WHITE HOUSE WILL FORWARD ALTERNATIVE
PROPOSALS IF SUCH CEREMONY STILL DESIRED BY US SIDE.
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